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MINUTES for March 26, 2024

Present: Nancy Zienkiewicz, President; Suzanne Belanger, Vice President; Helen Dutton, Treasurer; Lea Anderson-Smith, Member at Large; Lisa Johnson, Brenda Cannon, Dianne Hathaway
Library Staff: Clay Kriese, Director; Sandy Turcotte

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and the presence of a quorum noted. Nancy appointed Suzanne secretary pro tem.

Minutes - m/s/p to approve the minutes of the January 2024 meeting as distributed.

President's Report - no report this month.

Financial Report - Treasurer Helen Dutton reported a February ending balance of \$6109.99 with \$65 in income and no expenses. So far in March there is income of \$340 including a \$150 cash donation for the Bake Sale. A total of fourteen people have paid dues. Helen explained how the \$1276 fund balance is calculated. Helen filed the NH Charitable Trust report for our shortened membership year (now ends in December). She has spoken with the IRS about the change to our membership year and will file Form 990 after she receives acknowledgement of the fiscal year change.

Old Business

Little Library - Nancy volunteered for the months of April-June. Brenda just completed Jan-Mar but volunteered to take July-Sept. Thanks to both for stepping up yet again.

Above and Beyond Form - The form was updated to allow funds to be designated for an express purpose by the donor.

Spring Bake Sale - Lisa, Helen, Dianne and Lindsey have organized the event. Many items have been donated and more to follow tomorrow. Prices were set to reflect that this is a fundraiser, e.g., cakes \$20, quick bread \$10. The organizers are confident that we will reach our goal of raising \$360. It was suggested that if tomorrow is successful, we might consider an Autumn Bake Sale closer to Thanksgiving given that there is not as much work involved as other events. It was noted that the event was featured in *Weare in the World* yesterday.

Silent Auction - The space has been reserved and planning will begin in earnest in May.

Charitable Gaming - Helen followed up with organizations in Manchester and Concord but there has been no response. We remain hopeful.

Speaker Programs - This item is deferred; Nancy will pursue costs, grants, etc.

Summer Programs - Clay explained to the group that since the Town budget was not approved, the library is facing a \$8800 shortfall. He distributed requests from Karen and Dena for additional funds for summer programming, \$510 and 400 respectively. We asked that Karen and Dena provided additional detail about their summer program requests at the next meeting. Sandy requested \$221.35 to establish a pollinator/herb garden near the Bee Hotel that was erected as a Boy Scout project. Clay asked for \$39 for eclipse glasses and \$175 for seed packets. Clay was reminded that as discussed in the January meeting, the Friends board has already allocated the budgeted funds for the Children's and Adult programs at the beginning of the year (\$2200 and \$600 respectively for 2024), \$1000 of which was approved at the January meeting for the Children's Summer Program. And any funds raised at the bake sale are already allocated for Montshire Museum of Science passes. Although the group noted that many of these requests had merit, we cannot approve further requests until after the Silent Auction. The group suggested that Sandy approach the Weare Garden Club about funds, that Clay find funds from his budget at this point for these needs, and contact UNH Extension about their free seed program.

New Business

Brochure - Lindsey is working on revisions.

Logo, Flyer and Bulletin Board - Cory and Nancy are working on graphic design improvements to our print media and displays.

Social Media - Given that current members are volunteering their time to maintain our current efforts on Facebook, until we find additional help from others in the group or the community, our social media presence cannot be expanded.

Dissemination of Information - The idea of using school networks to help us recruit members and people to help Friends' efforts was again suggested. Lisa volunteered to check to see if this idea is feasible.

The date of the next meeting has been changed:

Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30.

Adjournment - m/s/p to adjourn at 7:33 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Belanger
Vice President